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Promotion to posts of Supervisors from the category of Electricians is made on the basis of technical efficiency, practical experience as Electricians and seniority, other things being equal.

(*c*) Out of the five persons appointed as Radio Electricians, three are natives of this State and two are natives of the Kerala State.

The promotee to the post of Police Radio Supervisor is also a native of the Kerala State.

Orchards

* 150-H *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount received as grant from the Government of India for the Development of Orchards in 1957–58; and

(*b*) how the amount has been spent?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) The following loan and grants were sanctioned by the Government of India about the end of 1957–58 for the Development of Fruit Production in this State :—

(i) A long-term loan of Rs. 2,10,000 for distribution to the ryots for purchase of fruit plants, for laying out new orchards and for their maintenance;

(ii) A grant of Rs. 40,405 towards the establishment and contingent charges and towards the purchase of necessary agricultural implements.

(*b*) Long-term loan—Nil.

Towards establishment and other charges—Rs. 4,785.

Neera

* 150-I *Q.*—SRI P. G. MANICKAM : கனம் உள் விவகார அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவு செய்து பதிலளிப்பாரா :—

(அ) பதனியிலிருந்து சாக்லட், பெப்பர்மிட் (sweets) முதலிய பொருள்கள் செய்யும் குடிசைத்தொழில்கள் அரசாங்கத்தாரால் எந்தெந்த இடங்களிலே நடத்தப்பட்டு வருகின்றன ?

(ஆ) 1958-59-ல் வருஷத்திலே எந்தெந்த இடங்களிலே இத்தொழில்களானது ஆரம்பிக்கப்படும் ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) & (*b*) The Government have not and do not propose to set up any departmental unit for the manufacture of chocolates and confectionery from neera. But several jaggery manufacturing co-operative societies are manufacturing chocolates and confectionery from neera with the assistance and guidance of the palm gur staff appointed by the Government. A statement[a] showing the places where these societies are working and the names of the societies which propose to undertake the manufacture of chocolates and confectionery from neera during 1958–59 is placed on the table of the House.

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 596 infra.